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For:	FIBER OPTIC SWITCH PROCESS AND OPTICAL DESIGN		

PETITION

Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

July 8, 2002

Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition the United States Patent and Trademark Office, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a), for acceptance and examination of the above-identified application notwithstanding the fact that one of the joint inventors cannot be reached for signature. This Petition is accompanied and supported by the Declaration of Stacy Hite and further accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h).

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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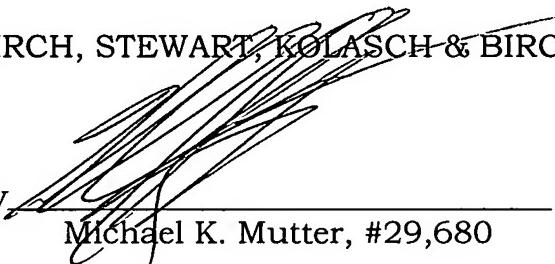
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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